TOMATOES (for Fresh Market)

The Massachusetts fresh market tomato crop weighed in at 5.6 million pounds in 1999, a 20 percent decrease from the previous year's crop and the lowest production on record in the state. Growers had an excellent start in 1999 with warm and dry weather during planting, but production was adversely affected by the summer drought conditions and heavy rain in September which caused splitting damage to the crop. Farmers harvested 450

acres in Massachusetts, unchanged from the previous year, but yields only averaged 12,500 pounds per acre compared with 15,500 pounds per acre in 1998. This was the lowest yield on record since state statistics began in 1948. Growers received \$1.00 per pound for the 1999 crop, unchanged from a year earlier. Total value, at \$5.6 million, was down 20 percent from the previous year.

TOMATOES: Acreage, Yield, Production and Value,

1990 - 1999						
STATE & YEAR	Area		Yield per	Production	Value per	Value of
	Planted	Harvested	Acre	oddolloll	Cwt	Production \
	Acres		Cwt	1,000 Cwt	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Massachu	ısetts					
1990	660	560	260	146	60.00	8,760
1991	590	460	210	97	70.00	6,790
1992	650	570	150	86	80.00	6,880
1993	550	520	180	94	60.00	5,640
1994	530	490	180	88	60.00	5,280
1995	550	480	135	65	75.00	4,875
1996	500	450	150	68	85.00	5,780
1997	510	420	140	59	80.00	4,720
1998	500	450	155	70	100.00	7,000
1999	530	450	125	56	100.00	5,600



